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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Parchim Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. In late September and early October 1953, work was completed on the runway at Parchim airfield. Only the joints between the concrete slabs were being filled. Concreting work on the taxiway continued. Powdered print continually arrived at the construction site. It was addressed to the Bauunion Spree which stored the print at the site. Major Smirnov (fnu), who replaced Captain Berezovchuk (fnu) during his furlough, in late September, handed over to the construction staff a set of drawings which indicated the areas on the concrete surfaces and on the inside of aircraft revetments which were to be provided with camouflage paint in two green colors and one brownish shade.¹

2. In late September and early October Soviet Air Force soldiers unloaded tables, chairs, cupboards, boxes, rifle stands etc. from trucks at the eastern end of the barracks installation. At the same time, personnel, probably assigned to the Kech agency, took up communication with the construction staff in Parchim were charged with repair work on the barracks installations, which allegedly were to be vacated by the Bauunion and would be occupied by Soviets in the near future.

3. The previously observed boxes were still stored at the field. No new boxes have arrived. Three Soviet caterpillar tractors which were operated by air force soldiers were observed at the field.³

1. Comment. Since the runway was completed, it is assumed that work at Parchim airfield will be terminated in a few weeks. Major Smirnov who belongs to the Soviet construction headquarters in Werder replaced Captain Berezovchuk who is the Soviet construction supervisor at Parchim airfield.

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2. Comment. Parchim air field will not be occupied by Soviet troops before 1 December 1953.

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3. Comment. The aircraft crates were observed for the first time in the beginning of September 1953. The date of their arrival has never been determined.

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